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Chu et al.

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For: SYSTEMS, METHODS AND DEVICES  
RELATING TO DELIVERY OF MEDICAL  
IMPLANTS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Reply is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2008 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. The time period for response has been extended to June 1, 2009, by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.